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An embodiment of the present invention will now be described by way of example and reference to Fig. Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the drawings in which [[a]] schematic ~~cross-section portions~~ of a gate arrangement [[is]] are depicted.

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Typically, the gate arrangement 11 will be used with a jet engine incorporated in an aircraft. Thus, component weight considerations apply and the gate member 14 in particular will normally be hollow as shown in Figure 3, in order to reduce its mass contribution to the overall weight of the arrangement 11. Generally, the distal sealing end 21 of the gate member 14 will be solid in order to provide a full cross-section seal to the opening and end 15 of the component 12. However, provided there is sufficient overlap between the end edges of the gate member 14 in abutment with the shoulder portions of the opening ends end 15 then the gate member 14 may be a tube but with a hollow center for its whole length. Alternatively, the hollow core of a gate member 14 may be filled with a light weight foam or other material such as a refractory composition. As shown in Figures 4 and 5, the gate member may be barreled or tapered as at 25 and 26, respectively. Further, the gate component may have a major axis as indicated at

28 and the gate member 14 will extend in alignment with this axis 28 as shown in

Figure 2.